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TAGS: NATO, PFOR, MARR, VN  
SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM

REF: STATE 047702, BRUSSELS 1395, THE HAGUE 1238, 1239

1. TOOK UP SUBJECT OF RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM PER  
REFTEL LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 15 WITH ROGER HASTERT,  
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND PROTOCOL AFFAIRS, AND SENIOR MFA  
OFFICIAL AVAILABLE AT TIME. STRESSED US EVIDENCE  
OF SIGNIFICANT NORTH VIETNAM VIOLATIONS OF THE  
SOUTH VIETNAM AGREEMENT BY ENGAGING IN MASSIVE  
MOVEMENT OF MEN AND SUPPLIES INTO SOUTH VIETNAM;  
THAT WAVE OF EC RECOGNITIONS OF DRV COMING AT

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THIS JUNCTURE COULD ONLY REINFORCE NORTH VIETNAM'S HAND AND RENDER DRV EVEN MORE INDIFFERENT TO CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION. NOTED TO HASTERT PRIVATE NATURE OF US APPROACH.

2. HASTERT BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTER THORN ON US APPROACH LATE LAST NIGHT. ACCORDING TO HASTERT, THORN FELT THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THERE WAS NO NEED FOR BENELUX AND OTHER EC COUNTRIES TO RUSH INTO RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM AS LONG AS CURRENT STATE OF HIGH TENSION EXISTED. THORN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE WOULD WORK IN EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN BRUSSELS TODAY, MARCH 16, FOR A DEFERMENT OF RECOGNITIONS. HASTERT ALSO NOTED THAT THE PROJECTED BENELUX TELEGRAM OF MARCH 19 TO HANOI WAS SIMPLY AN EXPLANATION OF WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH DRV, BUT WOULD CONSTITUTE SIMPLY ONLY THE FIRST STEP LEADING TO ULTIMATE RECOGNITION.

3. LUXEMBOURG IS NOT UNDER THE SAME KINDS OF PARLIAMENTARY PRESSURE EXISTING IN THE NETHERLANDS AND IN BELGIUM FOR SPEEDY RECOGNITION OF DRV. THORN HAS NO IMPELLING INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS FOR GOL TO RECOGNIZE DRV PROMPTLY AND I BELIEVE HE WILL BE DISPOSED TO DEMONSTRATE MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO US POSITION ON DELAYING RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM. GALANTO

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